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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Allowed) An isolated protein or peptide, wherein said protein or peptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11 and wherein said protein or peptide is capable of restoring MHC-II expression in a cell from an MHC-II deficiency patient in complementation group B.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Allowed) The protein or peptide according to claim 1 wherein the MHC-II is HLA-DR, HLA-DP or HLA-DQ.

4.-61. (Cancelled)

62. (Allowed) An isolated protein or peptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity or similarity with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11, wherein said protein or peptide is capable of restoring MHC-II expression in a cell from an MHC-II deficiency patient in complementation group B and wherein said protein or peptide comprises an ankyrin-repeating region having an amino acid sequence comprising amino acid residues 122-222 of SEQ ID NO: 11.

63. - 76. (Cancelled)

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